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Dear Gentlemen:

My name is Kipp Meyer I'm 39yrs old and farm 1000acres. The economics of today's farmer are horrifying to say the least and we need your help now. In the last farm bill you cut my program payments by 50%, I cannot survive if you continue to cut any further. In order to get any payments I must farm according to your set of rules and guidelines. I tell you now that these ideas do not fit all operations and conditions in which we operate. You talk about what the WTO wants and needs from us, in doing so you no longer want to provide programs, which pay us for growing a commodity. I would like to suggest that you consider limiting farmer's expenses, by this I suggest you let us provide you with our expenses such as fuel bills, fertilizer bills, chemical bills, etc. and we pay 50% and you pay 50%. By doing this you would help us curtail the expenses we incur and have no control of. Since all of us incur these expenses in our operations, I feel that the payments would be fair to everyone, no matter what crops we grow or how big our operations are everyone would receive their fair share of payments.

Like many of these gentlemen here I do not know if I will be in operation in the future. However I do fear that my Grandchildren and their children will find themselves living in a country which is dedicated to importing 90-100% of its food, and could be devastated by that simple reliance to other countries. I pray that you are the kind of people, which will take it upon yourselves to act now before this country loses some of its greatest assets. The knowledge and ability of these people sitting here today cannot be lost to politics and greed please step up to the plate and do the right thing by supporting a stronger smarter farm bill. I feel that you have forgotten us and don't care about us. I do feel it is time you support us, since agriculture has been the driving force behind the building of this great country.

Thank you for your time.